Every year Running Strong strives to bring comfort and joy to Native families on reservations. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make the holidays very special for thousands of American Indian children. The 2013 Toys for Tribes program was an even bigger success than in 2012. Thanks to your support, Running Strong was able to provide 2,400 toys to about 2,000 American Indian youngsters on the Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge reservations this past Christmas! Thank you for helping us spread joy to these little boys and girls.

You Helped Us to Provide:
- 1,500 food boxes
- 1,950 blankets
- 5,500 coats with hoods
- 2,675 hats
- 2,675 scarves
- 2,675 gloves

Two boys had no jackets. They picked out jackets in t-shirts. Most only have sweatshirts. The weather here in Wisconsin is getting cold, so the timing could not have been better.”

Tim D., Educator
Menominee Indian School District, WI
New coats, hats, gloves and smiles!

Keeping Warm and Safe this Winter!

As you know, the Polar Vortex brought dangerous, severe cold to many parts of the nation. Nowhere was it worse than in the Plains. With your support, we more than doubled the amount of coats and more than tripled the amount of hats, plus added in scarves and gloves that we distributed to American Indian families this past year. Even waiting at the bus stop can be dangerous for little ones without a good coat in this type of weather. We cannot thank you enough for the difference you have made this past year.

Photos: Christmas on Cheyenne River

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50 years ago, an orphaned American Indian by the name of Billy Mills stunned the world and beat the odds to win a gold medal in the 10,000 meter race at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. His stunning victory has been called one of the biggest upsets in Olympic history. In Lakota culture, someone who makes a great achievement has a “giveaway” to give back to the people who helped him reach his goal. Running Strong for American Indian Youth® is Billy’s giveaway to American Indian people. We are planning a year full of events, programs and celebrations to commemorate Billy’s accomplishments and look forward to the next 50 years! Keep an eye on your mail or visit our website to help us commemorate this important milestone.
Join Billy Mills as a Legacy Society Member!

By including Running Strong for American Indian Youth®, a project of Christian Relief Services, in your will or other estate plans, your legacy gift becomes a lasting tribute of your commitment to preserving the cultural heritage of American Indians and their well-being. Legacy gifts provide an estate tax deduction and have a tremendous impact on Running Strong’s ability to continue to fulfill its mission. For legacy questions or if you have already included Running Strong for American Indian Youth® in your will, please let us know by calling 1-800-337-3543 so you can be recognized, too!

To include Running Strong for American Indian Youth® in your will, include our tax number and mailing address:
Running Strong for American Indian Youth®
A project of Christian Relief Services
8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 900
Alexandria, VA 22309
Tax ID# 54-1884868

Heartfelt thanks to Running Strong for American Indian Youth® Legacy Society Members! We apologize in advance for any misspellings. Please call 1-800-337-3543 to correct the spelling of your name.

**Billy Mills**
Ronald Carmean
Mr. & Mrs. J.K. & Susan Carson
Carter Castle
Sophie Ceckonawicz
Arthur Cesena*
Kathleen Chan
Charles E. Christ
Joan C. Christilles
Tanya Marie Clark
Julianne Cochrane
Anne Collins
Marion Conn
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Richard P. Cooper
Helan A. Cost*
Indian Grove
Country Church
D.R. Covalt
Gary S. Cross
Mr. & Mrs. Marion
& Ida Crowell*
Mr. & Mrs. Alan & Helen Curly
Murph Damson
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Jeffrey Del Stone
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Ruth Brooks
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Golden Gray Burke
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Doris Byers*
Arthur Cahill
Cleveland Callahan
Nelle L. Campbell
Robert J. Cangelosi

This list is deemed complete as of January 1, 2014.
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the annual Running Strong Reservations Tour which will take place from September 7-13, 2014. It is going to be a very special tour and we hope you can join in on the fun. Tour invitations will be available in mid-May. Please visit www.IndianYouth.org for more information.

Warm for Winter

The Northern Plains has the coldest winters in the continental United States, with temperatures dropping to 30 degrees below freezing. With temperatures that cold, pipes freeze and families are exposed to dangerous cold. Thankfully, your loyal support helps us provide emergency heating assistance to buy propane, electricity or firewood during these long, cold winter months. Thank you for helping us keep families on the Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge reservations warm for winter for the past 17 years!


As you know, Running Strong’s important programs have enabled thousands of American Indian children and families to climb out of poverty and improve their future by addressing basic needs like heat during the brutal cold winters on the Plains. Our programs also increase self-sufficiency for families and self-esteem, particularly among Native youth. By joining the Dream Catcher Society, your monthly gift will provide consistent and reliable support for the programs you care about.

ANY amount will make a difference! As a supporter, you are absolutely vital to the continuation of our many Indian youth programs. Thank you!

Interested in joining the Dream Catcher Society?
Call 1-800-337-3543.